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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2018:

<u>Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 56,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

<u>Portillo Channel (Subdistrict 103-50-008)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 15,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, January 19, 2018, with a harvest estimate by area.

All geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. Geoduck logbooks are required to be completed daily and before leaving the harvest site. Logbooks must be submitted to the Department within seven days of a commercial landing.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0418.

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